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QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL, London

An ACCOUNT of the Rise, Progress, and State of the GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, the Corner of *Quebec-Street*, *Oxford-Road*.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my Brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matth. xx. 40.
And Jesus *said unto them, He that is without Sin among you, let him first cast a Stone at her.* John viii. 7.
And Christ *said unto him, One Thing thou lackest, give Alms to the Poor, then thou shalt have Treasure in Heaven.*

By Order of the Quarterly GENERAL COURT *of* GOVERNORS, *held at the* COMMITTEE-ROOM *of the* HOSPITAL.

Motives of founding this Charity.

THIS HOSPITAL was first instituted in the Year 1752; the Design of it arose from one of the most melancholy Instances of Distress and Despair, which can be met with in this or any Country; a Mother destroying herself in a Fit of Despair, with her two Babes just ready to come into Life! A Catastrophe so interesting, pointed out in the strongest Light the Necessity of establishing a CHARITY, which should not be confined, but capable of affording Relief to *every* unhappy Object of Female Misery and Distress, when near the Time of Child-birth. This Charity therefore is intended to comprehend all pregnant Women in Distress, but more especially those wretched and unhappy Persons, who, from the Restrictions of other Charities, and from the Remoteness of their Settlements at the Times of the extremest Danger and most complicated Distress, are incapable of having Relief elsewhere; it was therefore the

Great Utility of it.

Design of those who adopted this Plan, to afford it them here; to rescue them from the deepest Despair, and the Horrors of perishing with their unoffending Babes, in the open Streets and Fields. To suffer *any* human Being to be so exposed, is equally disgraceful to Christianity, and to every Principle of Humanity; a Reproach to any Country; and particularly repugnant to that *benevolent Spirit*, which has ever been the *shining Characteristic of this Nation*.

Comprehensive Extent of the Charity.

To prevent such Evils; To extend Relief to every such Object of Female Distress, not only of this, but all other Countries without Distinction, when living amongst us, is the plain Intention of this Charity; so that no Stranger from the most distant Part of the Universe may be denied Relief, in the Hour of Child-birth. This was the Ground on which the GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL was established; and notwithstanding all the Difficulties and Discouragements it has hitherto met with, it is not doubted but it will, with the Blessing of GOD, be very soon brought to its desired Perfection: It seems rather wonderful that a Plan so noble, so worthy, and so interesting to the Community in general, and so particularly suited to the Genius of this Country, should not have sooner taken Place in this *Metropolis*, and the Attention of the Humane been awakened by the most affecting Scenes of Misery, the most miserable indeed of all Human Beings, unhappy pregnant Women, at the Hour of Child-birth, perhaps many hundred Miles distant from their Relations, Friends and Acquaintances, and destitute of every Relief and Succour, (for even such as have a Place of Settlement, are oftentimes incapable from their Situation of being passed to it); others, being Foreigners, from the remotest Parts, happening to reside here; others of neighbouring Kingdoms, but still having no Place of Settlement here, become destitute of every other human Relief, exposed with their unhappy Off-spring, just springing into Life, to Misery, Shame, and the acutest Penury; in short, every Degree of Horror and Despair that the Imagination can paint, or the Heart can feel! Such is oftentimes the Lot of many of our Fellow-creatures; and although they rarely come to the Knowledge of the Public, such unhappy Objects almost daily offer themselves to the View of the Governors of this Charity, being the only Place of Refuge, where they are sure to find Relief at the important Hour of Need.

The Objects of Distress can have no Relief elsewhere.

To prevent such Calamities, and relieve them from such Misery and Danger, every Convenience is provided for them in this Hospital: The Apartments and Beds are clean, decent, and commodious, the Nursing good, the Diet plain and well suited. The Patients are kept regular, quiet, and undisturbed; proper Medicines, and all the charitable Assistance of Persons of the most approved Skill and Experience of both Sexes, are provided.

There is not, it is to be hoped, any Heart so obdurate, as would not be touched with Pity, at some of the melancholy Scenes of Distress, which very frequently present themselves to the Managers of this Charity: And it cannot be doubted but that if the real and comprehensive Utility of it were sufficiently known and explained to the GOOD and GREAT, and they were once made truly sensible of the real and substantial Benefits accruing from it to the most miserable of their Fellow-creatures, they would gladly embrace an Opportunity of applying so usefully a small Part of that Substance, which the bounteous Hand of Providence has plentifully and liberally bestowed on them; when they consider, that by so small an Exertion of their Charity, they not only alleviate, but actually relieve Distresses the most interesting; and that, by one Act of Benevolence, they fulfil every Branch of the most useful and best appropriated Charities; that they at once give Comfort to the Afflicted, feed the Hungry, cloath the Naked, and heal and administer Medicine to the Sick, in the Moment of the extremest Danger; that they mitigate and alleviate the Pangs and bitter Agonies of Child-birth, and rescue from the Jaws of Death, the helpless Mother and the innocent Babe; perhaps are also the happy Instruments of saving a Soul from Sin, and adding to that Joy which our Blessed Saviour has assured us, even the Angels in Heaven feel at the Repentance of every penitent Sinner.

The Good arising from it.

These are the Comforts, these the Blessings, which attend every Benefaction given to this excellent Charity. In *some* of the Objects, all the particular Instances of Charity before-mentioned, are exerted in one and the same Person; in *all* of them, by far the greatest Part are blended, and the clearest Certainty and best grounded Assurance given, that their Charity cannot be misapplied or extended to improper Objects. The Persons here relieved must be the very Persons only, who *they mean* to be benefited by it: What solid Consolation and Pleasure must it then afford to the several Contributors to this Charity, to see a Number of smiling Infants, who owe their very Lives to the Bounty and Aid extended to them by this Charity; and at the same Time to see the happy Mothers restored to Health, Strength, and Life itself, attending with their Infants at their Breasts, gratefully acknowledging, and expressing with Tears of Joy their Duty of Thankfulness, for the complicated Blessings of Life and Health conferred on them and their Posterity!

Faithful Application of the Charity Monies.

Every Objection to this Charity answered.

It has been objected to this Charity (and that too by some Persons whose Characters are so respectable, as to add Weight and Authority to every Thing that has but the Appearance of an Objection from them) that the very permitting a Place to be open for the Admission of every Species of pregnant Women to lye-in at, whether married or not, may prove a Means of giving Encouragement to Vice: Far is any such Intention from the Governors and Directors of this Charity; it is a Misfortune attending Society in general, that the best Designs are capable of being turned to the worst Purposes; but in this Particular, the Governors have the Satisfaction of knowing with Certainty, that the Good accruing from the Establishment, by the saving the Lives of Numbers of unhappy Women, preventing false Oaths in Relation to putative Fathers; Perjuries, forced Miscarriages, and Murders the most unnatural and shocking, and a Variety of other Evils of the like Kind, so much exceed the Mischief which can be supposed to accrue to the Community from this Institution, as infinitely overbalance the Evils apprehended: Without entering further into the Examination of the Grounds of those Apprehensions, the Governors, from their own Observation and Attention to the Subject, and from Experience, the Test of Truth, have the most substantial Grounds of Assurance, that the supposed Facts on which the Objections are founded, are really not established on Truth; and that instead of this Institution proving any Encouragement to Vice, the Admission of such unhappy Persons into this Hospital is often productive of very contrary Effects — For; according to the present Constitution of this Hospital; every Kind of Regard and Attention is shewn to the spiritual Health and Welfare of these unhappy Women, and every possible Endeavour used to correct their Morals, and to reclaim to Virtue such as have unhappily fallen from it.—To this End, the Reverend

Care of the Souls of the Patients.

a pious and learned Divine of the Church of England, who is now appointed the regular Chaplain of the Hospital, reads publickly on every *Sunday* throughout the Year, the public Prayers appointed by the Liturgy of the Church of England, to the several Persons in the House; after which the Children are publickly baptized; and on every *Thursday* the same learned Divine likewise reads Prayers, and preaches a Sermon to the Patients in the several Wards; and by his diligent Labour, and pious Exhortations and Admonitions, has already proved the happy Means of awakening many wretched Sinners to a serious Sense of their Transgressions, and effected an Amendment of their Lives; and will, it is not doubted, (by the Blessing of God) continue to be the happy Means of reclaiming and preserving many Souls from Sin.

Times of performing Divine Service.

Reformation of Lives effected by it.

These are the Benefits which the Poor of this Hospital are supplied with at the Times of their greatest Need, when unable to receive the least Relief or Assistance from their necessitous Families; to whom, by this Institution, they are in due Time returned with Joy, Health and Strength, to the mutual Happiness of themselves, and their respective Families, and the Benefit of the Public in general.

Blessings flowing from it to Families.

President and other Officers.

The Society for carrying on this Design, now consists of a President, Fifteen Vice-Presidents, and a Treasurer, elected out of the most useful Benefactors to this Charity. A general Court of Governors is held in the Months of *March*, *June*, *September*, and *December*, to take the Reports of the Committees: And a House-Committee is appointed for the ensuing Quarter, to inspect Accounts, and transact such Business as may be laid before them.

Physician's Attendance.

Doctor *Macdonogh* (who first planned, and set on foot, and has ever since attended the Service of this Charity) gives his constant Attendance at any Hour of the Night or Day, whenever called for; particularly in Cases of Difficulty and Danger.

House Surgeon and Matron.

The House-Surgeon and Matron, who were likewise educated in Midwifery, by the above Doctor *Macdonogh*, always reside in the House, in order to be in a Readiness to assist such poor Objects as are seized with premature and unexpected Labour; which Objects, when in this Extremity, are admitted without a Letter, provided there be Room, and the Charity able to bear the Expence.

Rights of Governors.

Every Governor has a Vote at all General Courts, and is entitled to send one In-Patient at a Time, but not more, unless they contribute Five Guineas annually, or Fifty Pounds at one Payment.

Ladies vote by Proxy.

Ladies have the same Privilege, and may vote by Proxies at all Elections.

No Men to be admitted into the Wards.

It has been found expedient and necessary, that no Persons of the Male-Sex (the Physician, Surgeon, and Clergyman only excepted) shall, on any Pretence whatever, be suffered to enter the Wards where the Patients lie; and therefore it is hoped, that the Affection of Husbands, or Curiosity of particular Persons, will give Place to this unavoidable Precaution.

Ladies requested to inspect.

But it will be esteem'd a Favour, as well as a Benefit done to the Charity, if Ladies would be pleas'd to add to their Benefactions, the Honour of occasionally visiting the Hospital, to inspect the Management of the Women and Infants.

Qualification of Governors.

Thirty Guineas constitute a Governor for Life, Three Guineas *per Annum*, a Governor during such Subscription.

No Trader, acting as Governor, is to supply the Hospital.

Order'd, That no Tradesman or Mechanick, who is a Governor, shall be suffer'd to serve, or supply the Hospital with Necessaries of any Sort, to prevent the least Opportunity of Abuses.

Provision for Payment of Arrears.

Order'd, That no Governor or Subscriber, who shall be more than one Year in Arrear, shall be qualified to recommend Patients, nor yet shall have any Power or Privilege to vote at Particular, or General Courts, untill he or she, has paid such Arrear.

Things which Patients are to be supplied with.

Every Patient to be admitted must observe to bring two Shifts clean at least, with a sufficient Number of Baby-Things and Clouts, for her own and Infant's Use, during her Residence in the Hospital.

Times of admitting Patients.

Order'd, That no Patient or Patients for the future shall be received, but at a Weekly-Board held on a *Saturday*, and with the Approbation of three Governors, if so many be present, unless in Cases of Extremity.

Discharge of Patients.

And also, that no Patient or Patients, who have been once admitted, shall

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ſhall be diſcharged either for Irregularities, or by Reaſon of their uſual Time of Reſidence being expired, or on any other Account, but with the Approbation of three Governors, if ſo many are preſent, and at a Weekly Board, as above; and to be ſigned by a written Order.

RULES to be obſerv'd by the Officers, Servants and Patients of the GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

RULES *for the* APOTHECARY.

1. THAT he fix a Ticket on every Patient's Bed, ſpecifying their Name and Time of Admiſſion, and the Diet directed for them.
2. That he keep a Book of the Number of Patients on each Diet, and give the Phyſicians and Surgeons every Day an Account thereof.
3. That he do not practice as an Apothecary out of the Houſe, or attend any other Buſineſs than that of the Hoſpital.
4. That he take Care of the Utenſils and Medicines of the Diſpenſary, and ſee that none are waſted, ſpoiled or embezzled; and make up and deliver out the Medicines, according to the Directions of the Phyſicians or Surgeons.
5. That he never be abſent from the Hoſpital on any Account, without leaving a Note in the Diſpenſary where he is to be found: That he always attend on the Phyſicians or Surgeons at their Hours: That he be at Home at Ten o'Clock at Night at fartheſt: That he never lie out of the Hoſpital, without ſpecial Leave from the Preſident, Vice-Preſident, Treaſurer, Surgeon, or Houſe-Committee; and, in ſuch Caſe, he appoint another Apothecary, who ſhall be approved of by the Phyſicians or Surgeons to officiate in his Place.
6. That he viſit the Patients in their ſeveral Wards every Morning at Nine o'Clock, in order to inform the Phyſicians or Surgeons of their Condition.

Particular RULES *for the* MATRON, *relating to the Houſe, and the Conduct of it.*

1. THAT neither ſhe, or any other Servant of the Hoſpital, or other Perſon belonging, or any Way employ'd in it, preſume at any Time to take of any Tradeſman, Patient, Servant, Stranger or other, any Fee, Reward or Gratification of any Kind, directly or indirecty, for any Service done or to be done, on Account of the Hoſpital, on Pain of being immediately diſcharged.
2. That ſhe take Care of all the Houſhold Goods and Furniture, and keep a true Inventory thereof, and of the reſpective Alterations, from Time to Time, made therein, and be ready to give an Account thereof, when required.
3. That ſhe take Care of the Keys of the Doors, and that they be always locked from *Michaelmas* to *Lady-Day*, at Eight in the Evening, and not be opened before Eight in the Morning; and locked, from *Lady-Day* to *Michaelmas*, at Nine in the Evening, and not opened before Seven in the Morning, unleſs it be ordered otherwiſe by the Preſident, Treaſurer, Chairman of the Houſe-Committee, Phyſicians or Surgeons, or in Caſes of extraordinary Accidents: And that no Officer or Servant belonging to the Hoſpital be admitted after Ten o'Clock at Night.
4. That ſhe ſee that all the Patients obſerve the Rules of the Hoſpital; that the Nurſes, and other Servants, do their Duty; and, in Caſe of Miſbehaviour or Neglect, ſhe is to acquaint the Houſe-Committee Viſitors, and the attending Phyſician, or Surgeon, therewith.
5. That ſhe take Care the Patients Breakfaſt at Nine in Summer, and Ten in Winter; Dine at One, and Sup at Eight o'Clock; that ſhe go round the Houſe every Night, and ſee that the Patients are in Bed at Nine in the Winter, and Ten in Summer: That ſhe viſit them five Times regularly, *viz.* every Morning before Breakfaſt, at Breakfaſt, Dinner, Supper, and at Bed-Time.
6. That ſhe do not receive any Patient into the Hoſpital without an Order of the Houſe-Committee; except in Caſes of Accidents, in which ſhe is to receive them at all Hours, according to the Orders of the Phyſical Men of the Hoſpital.
7. That ſhe be not abſent from the Hoſpital, on any Pretence whatſoever, without Leave of the Chairman of the Houſe-Committee, or one of the Viſitors, Phyſicians or Surgeons.
8. That if ſhe knows of any of the Rules of the Hoſpital being tranſgreſſed, ſhe give Notice thereof to the next Houſe-Committee, or to the attending Phyſician or Surgeon; and that ſhe practiſes no where elſe Abroad, except in the Service of the Hoſpital, as Midwife or Nurſe, but in the Hoſpital.
9. That ſhe do on every *Sunday*, before Twelve at Noon, read publickly in the Wards the Pſalms and Leſſons appointed for each *Sunday*, and the Common Prayers according to the Liturgy of the Church of England.

RULES *for the* DEPUTY-SECRETARY *and* RECEIVER.

1. THAT he find Two good Securities, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe-Committee, to be bound with himſelf in the Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds.
2. That he keep the Books and Accounts in a methodical Manner, and do all ſuch Buſineſs as is requiſite and commonly done by Secretaries at other Hoſpitals.
3. That he wait on the Governors and Contributors within Two Months after the Expiration of every Annual Contribution with the following Letter:

"GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, the
"Corner of *Quebec-Street, Oxford-Road.*

"SIR,

"THE Charitable Society for receiving of Gravid Women, at the "General Lying-in Hoſpital, the Corner of *Quebec-Street, Ox-*
"*ford-Road*, to which you are pleaſed to contribute, beg Leave to ac-
"quaint you, That your laſt Contribution ended at
"laſt; and for the better carrying on ſo good an Undertaking, they
"deſire the Continuance of your Favour: For which the Bearer hereof;
"or the following Bankers, viz. Mr. *Coutts*, Banker, in the *Strand*;
"Mr. *Wright*, Banker, in *Henrietta-Street, Covent-Garden*; or Dr. *Fæ-*
"*lix Macdonogh*, in *Bury-Street, St. James's*, will give a proper Receipt.
"*By Order of the Governors,*

SECRETARY.

4. That he attend all general Courts, and the Houſe Committee every Week, or oftner, if required, to receive their Directions as to the Manner of his collecting the Contributions, and to give an Account of his Receipts every Day to the Treaſurer.
5. That he carry all the Summons, and attend at all Meetings of Governors or Committees, at the Hours appointed; and that he obey all Orders for the Service of the Hoſpital.
6. That he do all ſuch other Buſineſs as he ſhall be directed, from Time to Time, by the Committee, Phyſicians or Surgeons.

Rules for the IN-PATIENTS.

1. THAT they do not lie out of the Hoſpital on any Account whatſoever, nor even go without the Doors, except by Leave of the Phyſicians or Surgeons, on Pain of Expulſion.
2. That they conſtantly attend Divine Service on *Sundays*; and do not Swear, Curſe, give abuſive Language, or behave themſelves indecently, on Pain of Expulſion.
3. That they do not play at Cards, Dice, or any other Game; nor ſmoak in their Wards, or elſewhere within the Hoſpital.
4. That every Patient, on her Admiſſion into the Hoſpital, have a Key delivered her, belonging to the Box aſſigned her; and which Key ſhe is to deliver to the Matron, on her Diſmiſſion from it.
5. That ſuch Patients as are able, aſſiſt the Nurſes and Watches in taking Care of the others, mending or making the Linnen, Blankets and Bedding for the Uſe of the Hoſpital, and in ſuch other Manner as the Matron ſhall think fit, with the Approbation of the Phyſicians or Surgeons.
6. That they do not ſit up after Nine at fartheſt in Winter, and Ten in Summer.
7. That every Patient take ſuch Medicines as are directed by the Phyſicians or Surgeons, and ſubmit to the Directions judged neceſſary.
8. That they do not ſend for, or receive, in any Manner whatſoever, Proviſions of any Sort, Spirituous or any other Liquors, on Pain of being immediately diſcharged.
9. That no Patient diſcharged for Irregularity, be again admitted to the Benefit of this Hoſpital, upon any Recommendation whatſoever.

Particular RULES *for the* NURSES *and* WATCHES.

1. THAT they ſhall not, on any Pretence, be abſent from their reſpective Wards; but that all Errands ſhall be done by ſome proper Perſon, by the Direction of the attending Phyſician or Surgeon.
2. That they ſhall ſee the Rules and Orders for the Patients exactly complied with by them; and, in Caſe of their Diſobedience, ſhall forthwith acquaint the Phyſician, Surgeon, or Weekly Committee.
3. That they clean their Wards, Pewter and Utenſils every Day by Eight in the Morning, from the Firſt of *March*, to the Firſt of *October*; and before Nine, from the Firſt of *October*, to the Firſt of *March*.
4. That the Nurſes enter upon the Care of the Patients every Morning at Six in Summer, and Seven in Winter; Sup at Nine, and be in Bed by Ten every Night.
5. That the Watches ſhall go to Bed by Five in the Evening at fartheſt and riſe at Ten.
6. That they diligently attend the Patients during their Watch, and furniſh them with what is directed by the Phyſicians, Surgeons or Apothecary; and ſee particularly that they take their Medicines, and complain to the Phyſicians or Surgeons if they do not.
7. That they always keep the Patients Beds in a neat and decent Manner.
8. That they be diligent in complying with the Orders of the Hoſpital, and their Superiors; and that they behave themſelves with Tenderneſs to the Patients, and with Civility and Reſpect to Strangers.
9. That neither Nurſes or Watches ſhall receive any Preſent, Acknowledgment, or Gratuity, either in Money, Treats, or any other Thing whatſoever, from any of the Patients or their Friends, either during their being under the Care of this Charity, or after their Diſcharge.
10. That they do not bring, or ſuffer to be brought in, any Liquor or Proviſions of any Sort, to the Patients, from or by their Friends, or any other Way whatſoever.
11. That they do not convey or carry out of the Hoſpital any Proviſion, or other Things belonging to it, on Pain of being immediately diſcharged and proſecuted.
12. That any Nurſe, Watch, or other Servant belonging to the Hoſpital being once diſcharged, ſhall never be admitted into the Service again on any Account whatſoever.

Note, All Perſons who ſhall be diſpoſed to contribute to the Support of this laudable Charity, by their laſt Will and Teſtament, are requeſted to do it in the following Form:

Form of Donations to the Charity by Will.

ITEM. *I give and bequeath unto* A. B. *and* C. D. *the Sum of* *upon Truſt*; *and to the Intent that they, or one of them, do pay the ſame to the Treaſurer, or Treaſurers, for the Time being, of a Society who now call themſelves* The Governors of the General Lying-in Hoſpital *the Corner of* Quebec-Street, Oxford-Road: *Which ſaid Sum of* *I will and deſire may be paid out of my* perſonal Eſtate, *and applied towards carrying on the charitable Deſigns of the ſaid Society.*

N. B. The Variation of this Form of a Legacy, from that formerly printed, is made neceſſary on Account of ſome late unhappy Miſtakes in Wills; by which ſeveral conſiderable Legacies have been loſt to other Societies, and the good Intentions of the Teſtators have been entirely defeated, becauſe the Sums bequeathed have been ordered to be raiſed by Sale, or paid out of Lands, or *real Eſtates*, which is not now permitted by Law.

An Account of the Receipts and Diſburſement of the Charity will be publiſhed annually; with a new Liſt of the Governors, and an Account of their Proceedings from Time to Time.

The Preſidents and Governors to this Charity, having lately adjuſted their Accompts, from its original Inſtitution, *January* 21, 1752, to *January* 30, 1768, think it incumbent on them to publiſh an Abſtract thereof; together with a ſhort State of their Proceedings; that the Friends and Contributors to it may have it in their Power to be convinced of the faithful and proper Application, of their reſpective Subſcriptions and Donations.

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An ABSTRACT *of* RECEIPTS *and* PAYMENTS *of the* GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, *the Corner of* Quebec-ſtr. Oxford-Road;

From its firſt Inſtitution, being on the Twenty-firſt of January, 1752, *to the Thirtieth of* January 1768.

MONIES received DEBTOR.

	£.	s.	d.
To Benefactions received, from the Riſe of this Inſtitution, which was on *January* 21, 1752, to *March* 7, 1754, being our Anual General Court, including a Donation of 60*l.* given by *G. Fitzgerald*, Eſq; —	515	18	6
To Benefactions received, from *March* 7, 1754, to *January* 1, 1755, — — —	255	9	0
To Benefactions received, from *January* 1, 1755, to *May* 3, 1756, including the Opera of *Penelope*, —	397	6	1
To Benefactions received, from *May* 3, 1755, to *May* 29, 1756, including the Opera of *Il Demofoonte*, —	872	2	6
To Benefactions received, from *May* 29, 1756, to *July* 9, 1757, including the Play of *Much ado about Nothing*,	788	12	0
To Benefactions received, from *July* 9, 1757, to *October* 31, 1759, including the Plays of *The Mourning Bride* and *Zara*, and the Opera of *Demetrio*, —	2271	6	5
To Benefactions received, from *October* 31, 1759, to *October* 22, 1760, including the Produce of the Opera *La Clemenza di Tito*, and *The Earl of Eſſex*, and a Donation of 20*l.* from Sir *Walter Blacket*, Bart. —	912	6	0
To Benefactions received, from *October* 22, 1760, to *Wedneſday January* 20, 1762, including the Benefits of the Opera *Il Filoſofo di Campagna*, and *Hamlet*, —	1440	9	6
To Benefactions, *&c.* received, from *January* 20, 1762, to *April* 26, 1763, — — —	1062	2	0
To Benefactions, *&c.* received, from *April* 26, 1763, to *April* 28, 1764, — — —	1316	0	0
To Benefactions, *&c.* received, from *April* 28, 1764, to *April* 13, 1765, including the Benefit Ball at *Almack*'s, *March* 29, 1765, — —	1665	0	9
To ditto received, from *April* 13, 1765, to *Jan.* 30, 1768,	2331	7	1
Total Receipts, from the Day of Inſtitution	13827	19	10
Of the above Sum were received Legacies (as under)			
From Mrs. *S. Crawley* — —	20	0	0
From *James Dawkins*, of *Jamaica*, Eſq; — —	100	0	0
From the Hon. *Charles Stanhope*, Eſq; paid by the Right Hon. Earl of *Harrington*, — —	100	0	0
Florentius Vaſſal, Eſq; a Gentleman of *Jamaica*, reſiding in *Golden-Square*, — —	20	0	0
Total received in Legacies,	240	0	0

MONIES expended CREDITOR.

	£.	s.	d.
BY the ſeveral Expences of the Hoſpital, from *January* 21, 1752, to *March* 7, 1754, as appeared at our Annual General Court, held at the Hoſpital, —	515	18	6
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *March* 7, 1754, to *January* 1, 1755, — —	299	4	0
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *January* 1, 1755, to *May* 3, 1756, — —	264	13	3
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *May* 3, 1755, to *May* 29, 1756, — — —	647	11	3
Paid the Orcheſtra, ſince the above, — — —	1	9	6
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *May* 29, 1756, to *July* 9, 1757, — — —	992	0	9
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *July* 9, 1757, to *October* 31, 1759, — — —	2225	12	9
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *October* 31, 1759, to *October* 22, 1760, — —	1035	15	0
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *October* 22, 1760, to *Wedneſday January* 20, 1762, —	1373	13	6
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *January* 20, 1762, to *April* 26, 1763, — —	1124	18	8
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *April* 26, 1763, to *April* 28, 1764, — —	1596	6	0
By Payments made for the Hoſpital, from *April* 28, 1764, to *April* 13, 1765, — — —	1210	19	9
By Payments made for ditto, from *April* 13, 1765, to *January* 30, 1768, — —	2520	13	1
Total Payments, from the Day of Inſtitution,	13808	15	0
Ballance in Hand,	19	4	10
Proof,	13827	19	10

Number of Women under the Care of the Hoſpital ſince its firſt Riſe, to *May* 3, 1755, — — — — —	359
Number of Women that were admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *May* 3, 1755, to *May* 29, 1756, — — —	179
Number of Women that were admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *May* 29, 1756, to *June* 11, 1757, — — —	329
Number of Women that were admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *June* 11, 1757, to *October* 31, 1759, — — —	1222
Number of Women that were admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *October* 31, 1759, to ditto, 1760, (whereof not one has died) —	781
Number of poor Wretches who were admitted, delivered and ſupported, with their Children, from *October* 22, 1760, to *January* 20, 1762, —	2164
Number of Women admitted, delivered and ſupported, with their Children, from *January* 20, 1762, to *April* 26, 1763, (including 326 Out-Patients)	739
Number of Women admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *April* 26, 1763, to *April* 28, 1764, (including Out-Patients) — —	745
Number of Women admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *April* 28, 1764, to *April* 13, 1765, (including Out-Patients) — —	826
Number of poor Patients under the Care of this excellent Charity, from *January* 21, 1752, to *April* 13, 1765, — — —	7344
Women who were Out-Patients, and forgot in this Account, — — — —	138
Number of ditto, admitted, delivered and ſupported, from *April* 1765, to *January* 30, 1768, — — —	7482
	1286
Total of Women under the Care of the Hoſpital, from its Inſtitution,	8768

An Account of Lying-in Women received and ſupported, from its firſt Opening, to the 30*th of* January, 1768, *and the different Parts from whence they came.*

FROM St. *Andrew*'s Pariſh, *Holborn*, above Bars — —	246
From ditto, below the Bars — — —	68
From St. *Ann*'s ditto, *Soho* — — —	211
From St. *Alban*'s ditto, *Wood-Street* — — —	78
From *Alhallows* ditto, *Lombard-Street* — — —	52
From *Alhallows Staining* ditto, *Mark-Lane* — —	47
From St. *Ann*'s ditto, *Alderſgate* — — —	62
From St. *Anthony*'s ditto, *Watling-Street* — —	61
From St. *Bride*'s ditto, *Fleet-Street* — — —	206
From *Bridewell Precinct* ditto — — —	40
From St. *Bartholomew*'s ditto, *Royal-Exchange* — —	54
From St. *Bartholomew*'s ditto, *Smithfield* — —	64
From St. *Bennet Finck* ditto, *Threadneedle-Street* — —	55
From St. *Bennet*'s ditto, *Gracechurch-Street* — —	56
From St. *Botolph*'s ditto, *Biſhopſgate* — — —	133
From St. *Clement*'s ditto, *Strand* — — —	452
From St. *Catherine Coleman*'s ditto, *Fenchurch-Street* — —	102
From *Chriſt's Church* ditto, *Newgate-Street* — —	101
From St. *Clement*'s ditto, *Eaſt Cheap* — — —	58
From St. *Dunſtan's in the Weſt* ditto, *Fleet-Street* — —	98
From St. *Dunſtan's in the Eaſt* ditto, *Thames-Street* — —	75
From St. *Edmund the King*'s ditto, *Lombard-Street* — —	83
From St. *Ethelburga* ditto, *Biſhopſgate-Street* — —	43
From St. *George*'s ditto, *Hanover-Square* — — —	928
From St. *George*'s ditto, *Southwark* — — —	199
From St. *Giles's in the Fields* ditto — — —	510
From St. *George*'s ditto, *Bloomſbury* — — —	103
From St. *George the Martyr* ditto, *Queen-Square* — —	74
From St. *George*'s ditto, *Weſtminſter* — — —	93
From St. *Giles*'s ditto, *Cripplegate* — — —	220
From St. *Helen's the Great* ditto, *Biſhopſgate-Street* — —	89
From St. *James*'s ditto — — — —	345
From St. *James* ditto, *Garlick-Hill* — — —	56
From St. *Luke*'s ditto, *Old-Street* — — —	224
From St. *Laurence*'s ditto, *Guild-Hall* — — —	52
From St. *Margaret*'s ditto, *Weſtminſter* — — —	206
From St. *Martin*'s ditto, *Ludgate* — — —	78
From St. *Martin's in the Fields* ditto — — —	220
From St. *Mary le Bonne*'s ditto — — — —	1108
From St. *Mary Axe* ditto, *Leadenhall-Street* — —	76
From St. *Magnus*'s ditto, *London-Bridge* — — —	65
From St. *Mary le Bow* ditto, *Cheapſide* — — —	87
From St. *Michael*'s ditto, *Cornhill* — — —	92
From St. *Olave*'s ditto, *Old Jewry* — — —	95
From St. *Paul*'s ditto, *Covent Garden* — — —	159
From St. *Peter*'s *Poor* ditto, *Broad-Street* — — —	56
From St. *Sepulchre*'s ditto — — — —	111
From St. *Stephen*'s ditto, *Walbrook* — — —	49
From St. *Stephen*'s ditto, *Coleman-Street* — — —	58
From *Trinity* ditto, *Little Minories* — — —	17
From St. *Vedaſt*'s ditto, *Foſter-Lane* — — —	32
From different Parts of the Kingdom — — —	496
From *Scotland* — — — —	173
From *Ireland* — — — — —	132
From *France* — — — — —	38
From *Virginia*, *Jamaica*, *Barbadoes*, St. *Kit*'s, and other *Weſt Indian* Iſlands	54
From the *Eaſt Indian* Colonies and Settlements — —	11
Total Women under the Care of the Hoſpital, from its Riſe, to the 30th of *January*, 1768, — — —	8768

The above Number of Patients conſiſt of

1. Wives of poor Tradeſmen, Labourers, *&c.* — —	963
2. Wives of Servants, moſtly out of Place, and poor Chairmen's Wives, ſome of whom are incapable of Labour, —	564
3. Wives of poor reduced Mechanicks in Priſon, — —	354
4. Wives of Seamen, the major Part of whom were abroad in his Majeſty's Service, — — — —	1245
5. Widows of Soldiers and Seamen, — — —	729
6. Objects who were ſeduced, ſome of whom were reſcued from Death; and, when in Labour, taken out of the Street, and admitted; pennyleſs and ſtarving, being admitted no where elſe to lie in, but in this Hoſpital, — — —	1943
7. Widows of Tradeſmen, Journeymen, and Labourers, —	1069
8. Wives of thoſe who were formerly in eaſy and affluent Circumſtances; but ſince, from Loſſes and Misfortunes, reduced to Miſery and Diſtreſs, — — — —	704
9. Poor Women from different Parts of the Country of *England*, *Ireland*, and *Scotland*, who are termed *Extra Parochial* Objects,	1207
Total of Women, ſince the 21ſt of *January* 1752,	8768

Eight Thouſand eight Hundred and ninety-five Boys and Girls (4325 Males and 4570 Females) have been born in this Hoſpital (one Hundred twenty-ſeven of the Women having had Twins.) Beſides there were fourteen Caſes of falſe Conceptions, two Inſtances of a *Hydrops Uteri*, one a Dropſy of the *Ovaria*, three Examples of monſtrous Caſes, one of three Children (two Boys and one Girl) at a Birth, one Hundred and ten preternatural Labours, two Hundred ſixty-five very difficult, tedious and lingring Caſes; three Hundred ſeventy-eight Miſcarriages at various Periods of Pregnancy, ſome of which were very alarming and dangerous. And laſtly, Seven Thouſand nine Hundred and ninety-four eaſy, natural and auſpicious Labours; in all making up the Number of eight Thouſand ſeven Hundred and ſixty-eight Patients, who brought forth eight Thouſand eight Hundred and ninety-five Children (as already ſhewn) fifty-five of the *former*, and ſix Hundred and ſeventy of the *latter*, have died in the Hoſpital, from the 21ſt of *January* 1752, to the 30th of *January* 1768, (being the long Period of ſixteen Years.)

In this Hoſpital an exact Regiſter is kept of all the Women, when admitted, whoſe Wives they were, from what Place they came, their Ages, Huſbands

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